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For: **DUAL MODE LASER DELIVERY
SYSTEM PROVIDING
CONTROLLABLE DEPTH OF
TISSUE ABLATION AND
CORRESPONDING
CONTROLLABLE DEPTH OF
COAGULATION**

) **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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AMENDMENTS

Please Amend the above referenced Application as follows:

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Amendments to the claims:

Please replace all prior versions and listings of the claims with the following amended claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A medical laser delivery apparatus for delivering a series of laser
2 pulses including non-ablative laser pulses to an area of tissue to be treated and generating
3 a region of coagulation to a controllable coagulation depth under a surface of the area of
4 *el* tissue, the apparatus comprising a laser source for generating the series of laser pulses
5 including the non-ablative laser pulses to be delivered to the area of tissue to be treated in
6 order to raise a temperature at the surface of the area of tissue to be treated to a
7 temperature sufficient to generate coagulation at the coagulation depth when the laser
8 source is in a coagulation mode, wherein the laser source comprises two or more lasers